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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 7, 2005, the period of response for which is hereby extended by three months to December 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.